

**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

From the days of the untamed frontier to the present, the boldest dreams in Texas often begin not in boardrooms or marble halls, but across kitchen tables, in dusty workshops, and in family-owned stores. Texans have always held that opportunity belongs to those willing to work for it, and this spirit is nowhere more evident than in the small businesses that line our Main Streets, anchor our communities, and fuel the Texas Miracle.

From family farms to high-tech startups and from corner bakeries to construction crews, small businesses are a pillar of our economy and our society. Today, the Lone Star State is home to more than 3.3 million small businesses, which account for a remarkable 99.8 percent of all businesses in our state. These enterprises support the livelihoods of nearly 5 million Texans and remain a powerful catalyst for prosperity.

Of course, the path of the small business owner has never been an easy one. The challenges of recent years—from supply chain pressures to rising inflation—have tested even the most seasoned entrepreneurs, but even so, Texas' small businesses have met those challenges with the indomitable resolve that has always defined the people of this great state.

That resilience has helped secure Texas' place as a global economic giant. If Texas were once again an independent nation, it would be the eighth-largest economy in the world, and this astounding success is built and sustained not only by large corporations or powerful investors, but also by countless small business owners whose faith, work ethic, and persistence prove that the American Dream is alive and well.

As Governor, I have witnessed firsthand the difference that small businesses make in the largest cities as well as the smallest towns, both in booming industries and in family-run operations. As we observe Small Business Week, let us honor our entrepreneurs and their drive, sacrifice, and unshakable belief in the promise of this state. During this week and hereafter, may we support them not only with our words but also with our dollars, and may we encourage the entrepreneurs of tomorrow to chart their own course.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby declare May 4–10, 2025, to be

Small Business Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 23rd day of April, 2025.



Governor of Texas